

SECURITY ARCHITECTURE FOR  
SYSTEM ON CHIP

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides for authenticating code  
5 and/or data and providing a protected environment for  
execution. The present invention provides for dynamically  
partitioning and un-partitioning a local store for the  
authentication of code or data. The local store is  
partitioned into an isolated and non-isolated section. Code  
10 or data is loaded into the isolated section. The code or  
data is authenticated in the isolated section of the local  
store. After authentication, the code is executed. After  
execution, the memory within the isolated region of the  
attached processor unit is erased, and the attached  
15 processor unit de-partitions the isolated section within the  
local store.